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NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE

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Colonel Christopher W. Sallese
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Dear Colonel Sallese:

The NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed an interagency coordination notice for a ten year extension of time to perform maintenance dredging at Alamo Concrete Products, Ltd.'s existing commercial marine facility. Dredging would be conducted by either hydraulic or mechanical means, and dredged material would be placed in a previously approved upland disposal area. The project site is located in Redfish Bay at the end of Sunray Road in Ingleside, San Patricio County, Texas.

The NMFS has been notified the Alamo Concrete Products, Ltd.'s site is contiguous with wetlands that may have been contaminated by the Falcon Refinery Superfund site located at the intersection of Farm to Market Road 2725 and Bishop Road. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently performing a Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study to determine the nature and extent of contamination in the area of the Falcon Refinery Superfund Site. Therefore, NMFS recommends the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers coordinate with the EPA's Remedial Project Manager, Mr. Rafael Casanova, to assess whether contaminants could be a concern at the Alamo Concrete Products site. It may be advisable to perform sediment and/or water testing to evaluate whether the proposed maintenance dredging or disposal of the dredged materials has the potential to redistribute contaminants. Mr. Casanova can be reached by telephone at (214) 665-7437 or e-mail at casanova.rafael@epa.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of our recommendations. If we may be of further assistance, please contact Ms. Heather Young of our Galveston Facility at (409) 766-3699.

Sincerely,

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